

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2021

The April meeting was called to order at 7:33 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. In attendance were board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), Artie Fauble, Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, David Toohey, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker.

The minutes from the March meeting were motioned to be approved by Patricia, seconded by Anna and all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Danielle Vattimo – PTA Food Truck Event

Sunday, May 2 from 12-4 at Heritage Park at the practice parking lot (previous fenced area, gravel, mulch pit). Is an event sponsored by the WHS feeder schools. The monies generated will be split evenly among the schools. All paperwork received. Anna motioned, Pat seconded and approved by all.

Dalton Caudill – GaGa Ball Eagle Project

All materials (the kit) have been bought. Need asphalt recommendations for the handicapped walkway to the area. Miller's was suggested. Dalton needs the placement of the court marked (keep away from water line at the fountain). The court will be @ 15 yards behind the two pavilions away from the parking lot. Kelly will mark area. Dalton expects to start April 17 and it could take two weekends to complete. There will be a laminated sign to describe play. Balls will need to be supplied by players. A link on the town website will be supplied to the opening, rules, etc. once completed.

Jaime Stanley – Mid Atlantic Red Sox

Jaime talked with Steve Guessner, the Baseball Commissioner. He approved use. From April 11 – June 20, Heritage ballfield for practice and scrimmages. @ 22 players will be in attendance. All paperwork submitted. Artie motioned to approve, seconded by David. All in favor with 1 abstaining vote (Mary Ann).

Brenden Guiman – Eagle Project Complete

Revamped landscaping at Heritage Park Manor House. Hauled away a truckload of rubbish and @ 10 bags of trimmings/weeds. Eight persons worked on this and pictures were presented to the committee to see results.

Kathy Sixx – Veterans Committee Picnic

In 2020, the town approved a picnic/corn hole tournament for veterans. This is scheduled to be held at Heritage Farm Park on Saturday, September 18 from 3-6. Request to use the large pavilion. Expect @ 60 in attendance. The Veterans Committee will solicit local businesses for gift card donations. Paperwork submitted. No insurance necessary. The pavilion fee was waived.

Kenny Lord – 43rd Mosbys Rangers – Civil War Encampment

Held at Community Park Fri – Sat, May 21-22 and Fri – Sun, September 17-19. Plan on using the field off the tennis courts. Will need bathrooms open. Aware parks are locked at night. Open to the community. Motion to approved by David and seconded by Patricia. A request was put in to promote on our town website.

Debbie Henning and daughter, Sisters Promise for Hope Walk/Run

This is a 5K with proceeds going to breast cancer research. Holding in memory of their daughter and sister. Anticipate @ 100 to take part. Requests to use Heritage Farm Park on Sunday, August 1. Set up at 7:00 a.m. with a 9:00 start. Should be completed by noon. Mentioned the

possibility of using local high school students for service hours. They will contact WHS cross country coach. Paperwork submitted. Large Pavilion fee waived. Approved by Patricia, seconded by Anna and approved by all.

Kate Frick – USA Triathlon of Colorado and Member Clubs – “Boogie Bears”

This is a new kid triathlon club. Requests to use Heritage Farm Park paths on Tues/Thurs in May from 5:30 – 6:30. Also, Tuesdays throughout the summer. Will be @28 kids ages 6-15. Paperwork submitted. Motion to be approved by Patricia, seconded by David. All in favor.

GVAA

Mike Fyock, Soccer Commissioner. Maintains 3 full size fields and 1 smaller one. Explained all he does to maintain fields: aeration, fertilizer, seeding, mower maintenance, gas for mower, etc. Spends @ \$5,000 yearly.

Concerned about soccer field usage and tearing up the fields. A lot of work done by GVAA to maintain, upgrade and rotate fields. Mainly concerned about large groups using the fields and the condition it is left in.

Homeschoolers were mentioned. It was suggested by Jay to communicate to him when a field is in “rest” status so the committee does not approve usage. Also, Mary Ann will check into the town contributing to maintenance (seeds, fertilizer) to help with costs.

Michelle Fyock, GVAA President. GVAA requested to use WHS shot put and long jump for practice and this was denied. Tracy Kibler, principal of TJHS was contacted and gave permission to use their facilities. Discussion ensued about the possibility of putting a shot put/long jump area at one of our parks.

Election of officers was held: Michelle Fyock – President, Brittany Sheets – Vice President, Laura Lebo – Treasurer, Amanda Bowen – Secretary.

Some grievances are correctly being addressed.

The press box is still being discussed. Keith Lertora resubmitted copies for design (previously received and approved). The forms still need to be filled out completely.

Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis Report

- Had a meeting with the Foresters at Community Park about the Memorial Tree Program. They will come up with a plan for trees for the whole park. Also, they will recommend what to replace the Ash trees at Heritage Park with. They also measured the Willow Oak and Horn bee (sp?) tree. They are probably not record breaking.
- A husband and wife want to get involved with the sapling tree program at Community Park. An e-mail will be sent to them.
- Met with Joe Birch and Kelly about the basketball courts at Creamery Park. It was suggested to improve the present full court (new hoops and lines) and add a half court off this area.
- The Coleman Fund, which has \$10,000 was given to Parks. It was previously decided to use this money for new playground equipment at Creamery Park. Patricia will research options and provide an idea(s) to Mary Ann within two weeks. Thinking something climbing or replace old slides.
- The ribbon cutting for the new building at Heritage will be held Sunday, May 2 at 11:00. This will perhaps include Ralph Whitmore and Debbie Zimmerman speaking, if in agreement. Also, Jay will speak. Town Commissioners and Parks Committee will be invited. Individually wrapped food and water will be available as well as a building tour. Mary Ann will contact the Town Communications Specialist to P.R. this event.
- The dog park, after being researched, would cost @ \$77,000. Since this is an expensive proposition, we are not going forward with this.
- The bridge at Community Park requesting to be changed will not be addressed at this time.

- The burgess, Chad Weddle, texted Mary Ann asking to have Heritage Park close at 3:00 on May 22 for the staging of the car parade for graduating seniors. Rain date will be May 23. This needs voted on.
- **HERITAGE FARM PARK USAGE AGREEMENT**

Mary Ann had drawn up a first draft of an agreement and sent to committee members. Members shared their opinions:

Artie – Not in favor of renting it out. Wants it for GVAA use only, as was the original intent. Need tables and chairs bought. Concerned about cleaning supplies, which would be provided by the town and kept in a janitor closet there.

Anna – Questioned the usage times as presented. Mary Ann explained further.

David – Suggests solar panels be added to curb the electricity cost. Need to have a path lighted when it is dark when persons leave building to go to parking lot.

Jay – Agrees with Artie, “GVAA only”. It was decided this would make it much easier than opening up the building for community use.

Kitty – So many angles/issues if it would be rented out to help defray cost. The entry into building would be difficult to monitor and the condition of the building after using it would fall on whom? Who would take on the reservation process? Mind bottling execution.

Patricia - If the building is used after dark and the park is closed/locked...this need included in the usage form.

Kelly Woods Report –

The bathrooms are all open except Creamery.

Community Park is very active. Children need to be monitored.

Might want to reposition the dumpster at Community to add more parking spaces.

Kelly was contacted after the Boy Scout project at Heritage Park. Was asked to remove trimmings/weeds that were left. Was eventually taken care of by the Boy Scout.

Jay mentioned that the Susan G. Komen bike ride was cancelled for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15. The next meeting will be May 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker